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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) by Express Mail is the complete patent application of Kazufuku Nitta and Mitsuo Nemoto, entitled INSPIRED AIR TEMPERATURE MEASURING DEVICE IN RESPIRATORY CIRCUIT, executed on October 31, 2003.

- X 1. This application is a continuation of prior Application No. PCT/JP02/04941, filed May 22, 2002, priority from the filing date of which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.
- X 2. An application consisting of 12 pages of specification, including the claims and the Abstract of the Disclosure, and 4 sheets of drawings is attached.
- X 3. A newly executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
- X 4. An Assignment of the invention to Metran Co., Ltd., is enclosed, together with a Recordation Cover Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.31 and our check including the amount of \$40.00 to cover the recordation fee. Please record this Assignment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.11.
- X 5. Priority of Application No. 2001-154007, filed in Japan on May 23, 2001, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. **A certified copy of the priority document will be filed at a later date.**
- X 6. Small entity status is asserted for this matter.
- X 7. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Please enter the Preliminary Amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee.

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- X 8. Our Check No. 152030 in the amount of \$425.00 to cover the total fee as computed above is enclosed.
- X 9. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.
- X 10. The following additional documents are enclosed: Information Disclosure Statement and Cited Japanese References.
- X 11. A filing date in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 is requested. The Express Mail Certificate appears below.


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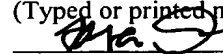
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